Central Road Fund Scheme are based on yearly accrual to the State under Central Road Fund, projects already approved and utilization of funds released to the State. The reasons for pendency of the projects are non-receipt of utilization of released funds and limited yearly accrual for State roads under the Central Road Fund.

KVIC in Uttaranchal

698. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of units proposed to be set-up and number of people likely to be provided employment during the current Plan period by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission;

(b) whether any target has also been fixed to set-up units in the State of Uttaranchal to provide employment in this State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) of the Government being implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), the targets are to set up 1,32,662 units and to generate 25 lakh additional employment opportunities during the current plan period in the country.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. During 2004-05, the targets under the REGP is to set up 500 units generating 10,000 jobs in Uttaranchal.

ARIs in Maharashtra

699. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to boost up the grass-root agro-based industries to generate additional income and employment in rural areas, particularly in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so by the Government in this regard?